

REMARKS

Applicants thank the examiner for the careful examination given to the present application. It is respectfully submitted that the application is patentable over the art of record. Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Applicants propose to amend the drawings of figures 2 and 6 as shown in red on the enclosed copies. The examiner's approval of the proposed changes is requested.

The disclosure is objected to because of informalities. The specification does not need to be changed due to the proposed amendment of figure 2. The preliminary amendment, page 1, last line, has been amended as suggested by the examiner.

Claims 3, 5-8, 10, 11, 13, and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claims 3, 5-8, 10, 11, 13 and 14 have been amended.

Claims 6 and 7 have been amended and the antecedent basis has been provided.

Claims 3, 5-8, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fujiwara (U.S. Patent No. 4,853,568). For the following reasons, the examiner's rejection is respectfully traversed.

Fujiwara does not disclose or teach an apparatus with "a board on which the vibration motor is mounted; and a shield member covering at least a part of the board, wherein the vibration motor is disposed inside the shield member" as recited in claim 3. The claimed apparatus is not the vibration motor itself. The vibration motor, the board, and the shield member in claim 3 are separate elements. Fujiwara discloses a motor. However, the motor is not mounted on a board. Fujiwara also does not disclose a shield member, which contains the motor and covers at least a part of the board. Thus, Fujiwara does not teach every element of the claimed invention.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application as amended is in a condition

for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the application.

It there are any fees resulting from this communication, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 32184US1.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED-UP VERSION SHOWING CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, the first paragraph, beginning "This patent application is a divisional...", has been amended in the following manner:

This patent application is a divisional patent application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/472,477 filed on December 27, 1999, which issued as Patent Number 6,274,955 on August 14, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 3, 5-8, 10, 11, 13 and 14 have been amended in the following manner:

1 3. (Twice amended) An apparatus [for holding a vibration motor] comprising:
2 a [rotating body] vibration motor having:
3 a base having a front surface;
4 a rotary member provided on the front surface of the base; and
5 a cover having an electromagnetically shielding property and covering the
6 rotary member;
7 a board on which the [rotating body] vibration motor is mounted; and
8 a shield member covering at least a part of the board, wherein the [rotating body]
9 vibration motor is disposed inside the shield member.

1 5. (Twice amended) An apparatus [for holding a vibration motor] according to
2 claim 3, wherein [a hole is defined in] the cover has a hole [to connect] for connecting
3 spaces of inside and outside of the cover to each other.

1 6. (Twice amended) An apparatus [for holding a vibration motor] according to
2 claim 3, wherein the cover perfectly contacts to the front surface of the base to perform
3 positioning of the cover in [the] a height direction.

1 7. (Twice amended) An apparatus [for holding a vibration motor] according to
2 claim 3, [wherein] further comprising a fillet formed on [the] an outside of the base [is]
3 and used for positioning the vibration motor.

1 8. (Twice amended) An apparatus [for holding a vibration motor] according to
2 claim 3, wherein the cover is electrically connected to the board.

1 10. (Twice amended) Portable electronic equipment comprising an apparatus [for
2 holding a vibration motor] according to claim 3.

1 11. (Twice amended) An apparatus [for holding a vibration motor] according to
2 claim 3, wherein the cover has a flat surface for an air-sucking.

1 13. (Twice amended) An apparatus [for holding a vibration motor] according to
2 claim 3, wherein the cover is made of resin;
3 the cover is coated with non-electrolytic copper; and
4 the cover coated with non-electrolytic copper is coated with non-electrolytic
5 nickel.

1 14. (Twice amended) An apparatus [for holding a vibration motor] according to
2 claim 13, wherein the resin is selected from the group consisting of acrylonitrile,
3 butadiene and styrene.